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¶B. 6/25 AND 7/17 BOWLES-SHEIVES EMAILS

Poloff delivered reftel points on July 17 to Friederike Tschampa, ASEAN Regional Forum coordinator for the European Council. She responded to the non-paper by restating the EU's general agreement with our proposed statement, but noted the EU's view that recent problems in Burma have little to do with our non-paper points on guidelines or civilian-military cooperation, and more to do with Burmese obstruction. The EU intends to take up the issues from our proposed statement when they co-chair the Inter-Sessional Meeting on Disaster Relief with Indonesia in the fall.

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